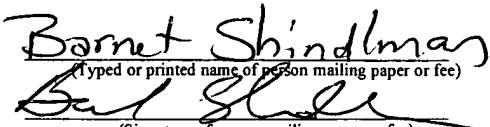
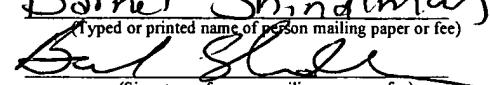


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<b>TITLE OF INVENTION EXTERNAL STORAGE APPARATUS</b>		
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